

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5, 7, 9, and 15-17 are pending. Claims 1 and 9 are amended in accordance with the foregoing. New claims 21-23 are added. Support for new claims 22 and 23 is found in Figure 5. Claims 18-20 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Claims 1, 5, 9 and 15-16 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lang (US 6,553,262) in view of Causey III (US 4,809,697) and further in view of Jenkins (US 6,597,392).

Claim 1 is directed to a portable extender including means for downloading secure data corresponding to a patient treatment and prescription plan from a remote location. Lang is directed to an arrangement for patient monitoring including a mobile phone terminal to transmit data from a patient device to a monitoring center and for determining the whereabouts of the patient. Causey III relates to a programmer for programming an implantable medical device. Jenkins relates to an apparatus for recording images and transmitting information to a remote location. Neither Lang, Causey III, nor Jenkins, alone or in combination, teach or suggest a portable extender including means for downloading secure data corresponding to a patient treatment and prescription plan from a remote location.

Claims 7 and 17 are rejected as being unpatentable over Lang, in view of Causey III and Jenkins and in further view of DeLorme (US 5,948,040). DeLorme fails to remedy the deficiency described in the foregoing discussion relating to means for downloading secure data corresponding to a patient treatment and prescription plan from a remote location.

In accordance with the above discussion, Applicant asserts that the presently claimed invention is patentably distinguishable from the indicated references. As such, Applicant respectfully asserts that the present claims are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the instant rejections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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